

## Remarks

With regard to Claim 19, the Examiner found a lack of antecedent basis of "the probe position indicator". Claim 19 is corrected. Also, the term "position indicator is found in claim 3.

In amended claim 1, the feature of hardness has been removed in order to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 102(e).

With regard to claim 11, the Examiner found that the phrase "the grip part" lacks antecedent basis. However, claim 7 refers to "a grip part", which is the same as in claim 11. Thus, there is antecedent basis for this phrase.

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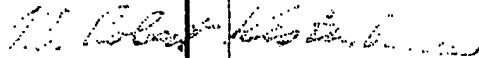
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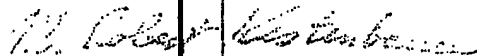
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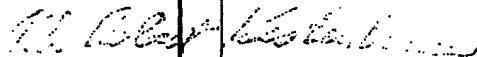
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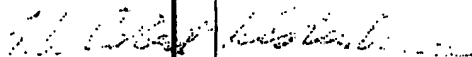
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